## IDAHO STATE BAR TAXATION, PROBATE & TRUST LAW SECTION

Minutes of Section Meeting
November 11, 2014

- 1. Call to Order / Attendance. Natasha Hazlett, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 p.m. at the Idaho Law Center, Boise, Idaho. Section members also in attendance were:
  - a. Present in Person and on the Phone: See attached attendance list.
- **2. Prior Meeting Minutes.** Meeting minutes for July 17, 2014 and for September 12, 2014 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was moved and approved.

## 3. General Business.

- a. 2014 Recap: Natasha gave a recap of the section activities for 2014. The year started with a survey of the section members' likes, dislikes and ideas. The section wanted more networking opportunities and two socials and a social/CLE were held. The section wanted Listserv archives and the section is working on this and should be completed in 2015. The section also wanted more CLE opportunities and the social/CLE was held in October. The Sun Valley was a big hit, Natasha thanked David Cooper, Ron Caron, Nick Marshall, and Karen Powers for the amazing job they did in organizing it.
- **b.** Report on the October CLE with Young Lawyers Section: Natasha reported that Hawley Troxell graciously sponsored the social/CLE which had 60 participants, was recorded and will add revenue for the section as it is used in the Bar's CLE library.
- c. Present Financial Report for September 2014: Natasha reported the section is doing much better in 2014 due to new section members and resulting increase in annual dues. Natasha noted that this trend should continue as the section continues to provide exceptional service to its members. The final expenses for the Sun Valley CLE are not in, but it is expected that it should be profitable. Publication sales were down, but hopefully will increase with the publication of the new Guardianship Form Book in 2015. Natasha also pitched the idea of possibility updating the Probate Form Book as a way to add revenue and left that to Kimmer Callahan to address in the future.
- **d.** Access to Justice Request: The section had a request from Access to Justice Campaign for a donation. Natasha discussed the Campaign's purposes, but did not think that the section finances were such that the section was in a position to make a gift. She hoped that it would be in a position to do so in the future.
- e. Wills Clinic: The section had been approached by Legal Aid to consider putting on a Wills Clinic, similar to the Bankruptcy Clinic that has been held. Natasha had told Legal Aid that it was not in a position to do a clinic this year, but thought that it was a worthy

endeavor. Natasha encouraged any section members that were interested in this to email her so she could pass along additional information.

f. Vote on 2015 Slate: Natasha indicated that nominations will be accepted from the floor on the condition that the person nominated has been contacted and has agreed to serve. Natasha then presented the proposed slate of officers and council members as follows:

Chairman: Kimmer Callahan (Coeur D'Alene)

Vice-Chairman: Eric Olson (Pocatello)

Secretary/Treasurer: Chelsea Kidney (Boise)

## **Governing Council:**

Natasha Hazlett (Past Chairman-Boise) Chris Moore (Lewiston) Barbara Locke (Boise) William Von Tagen (Boise)

Natasha then opened up the floor for additional nominations, but none were forthcoming. A motion to approve the slate as presented was moved upon and approved.

g. Probate & Guardianship Form Book Update: Robert Aldridge indicated that the committee has been meeting every other week to get the formbook ready for publication, hopefully, by the end of January 2015. He believed that the new formbook should be a good improvement and a benefit financially to the section.

## 4. Committee Reports:

<u>Legislative Committee (TEPI)</u>: Robert Aldridge gave his report in the Legislative update CLE that he presented.

<u>CLE Committee</u>. Ron Caron reported he was encouraged by the number of sponsors for the Sun Valley CLE and reported that many of them wanted to participate again. The committee was also looking at the participant reviews for guidance for getting speakers for next year's event.

Newsletter. None.

<u>Tax Liaison</u>. Next meeting is November 25<sup>th</sup>.

- **5. CLE:** Robert Aldridge gave presented the 2015 Legislative Wrap-up.
- **6. Next meeting:** Natasha announced that the next meeting would be held on February 10, 2015 at noon at the Idaho Law Center.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric L. Olsen, Secretary/Treasurer